

September 25, 1954

Dr. R. Devignat, Directeur Ecole A.M.I.
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Dear Dr. Devignat:

Since my letter to you last week, I have been in communication with my friend and colleague, Dr. Werner Braun, with regard to the possibility of his accepting the responsibility that you had asked of me, of receiving and examining your cultures of *Pasteurella pestis*. Dr. Braun would be interested in the question of genetic recombination in this species, and is well equipped for the purpose in all respects.

For the purposes of your letter of August 16, I could hardly imagine a more appropriate recommendation. Dr. Braun will be happy to receive the cultures and the background information at the following address:

Dr. Werner Braun
MB Div., Biological Laboratories
Camp Detrick, Frederick, Maryland.

With all best wishes for the success of this reexamination,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

CC: Dr. Braun